

Response Under 37 CFR §1.116

Expedited Procedure

Examining Group 1742

Application No. 09/996,649

Paper Dated: December 23, 2003

In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of June 23, 2003

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Appl. No. : 09/996,649  
Applicants : Kenjiro Ito et al.  
Filed : November 28, 2001  
Title : Abrasion Resistant Steel  
Group Art Unit : 1742  
Examiner : Deborah Yee  
Docket No. : 2204-011944

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the

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outstanding final Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on June 23, 2003, and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on September 23, 2003.

A three-month extension of time will bring the response due on December 23, 2003.

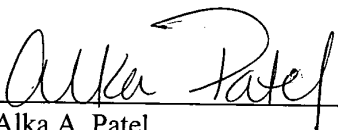
A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith.

A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee for the Request for Continued Examination, along with a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the filing fee for a three-month extension of time.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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